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Dear Neighbor:

Greetings! I hope that you and your family are enjoying a wonderful summer in one of Milwaukee's best neighborhoods.

Over the past several years I have been contacted by residents in your neighborhood regarding the city ordinance requiring vehicles to move from an on-street parking space every 24 hours. These residents argued that the ordinance was misapplied in this neighborhood where many choose to walk, bike, or take the bus to work downtown.

The existing ordinance effectively forces people to drive once a day if they do not have any off-street parking available—adding to area pollution, traffic congestion and acting as a dis-incentive to a more healthy transportation alternative. They argue that we should not penalize residents who choose to use alternative means of transportation. I agree.

In July the Common Council passed an ordinance that designated your neighborhood for a pilot program that will assist residents who face this problem and encourages folks to get out of their cars. The pilot program lifts the 24-hour restriction and instead requires that vehicles be moved once every 5 days between March 1st and December 1st. During the winter the 24-hour regulation would still apply. You can review the exact language at www.city.milwaukee.gov and follow the link to my web page. Abandoned autos can still be reported through the online complaint system on the Milwaukee Department of Public Works web page at www.mpw.net or by calling 286-CITY.

I am interested in the effects of the pilot program on you and the neighborhood. Please feel free to comment on whether or not this will encourage you to walk, bike, or ride the bus to work and on how it has affected street parking. Please email me mdamat@milwaukee.gov or call my office at 286-3447 with your observations.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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